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The Honorable George Kahooohanohano  
Chair, Board of Trustees  
Hawaii Employer-Union Health Benefits Trust Fund  
201 Merchant Street, Suite 1520  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Chair Kahooohanohano:

I am writing to share some serious concerns I have about the current open enrollment process and recent disclosures that the EUTF may be unable to process open enrollment forms in a timely fashion, negatively impacting members' ability to access health care providers and services.

While I understand the resource issues affecting EUTF's ability to carry out its duties, the possible disruption to health care delivery described in EUTF Jim Williams November 5, 2009 letter will be especially acute on the island of Kauai where there are a limited number of health care providers and access to care is an issue even under the best of circumstances.

The EUTF decision to automatically default a certain class of members from one carrier to another exacerbates the problem because, in all candor, the new default carrier has a significantly smaller network of providers.

Given all of the challenges government workers are facing in light of our state's budget crisis, I cannot allow their access to health care services for them and their families to be compromised. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to cancel the current open enrollment, use the ensuring time to implement improvements to your system and processes and offer the EUTF members real, clear, well communicated health care choices during the next regularly scheduled open enrollment period.

I look forward to hearing from you in the very near future. If you should need to reach me, my phone at the Capitol is 586-6280, or you may email me at [repsagum@capitol.hawaii.gov](mailto:repsagum@capitol.hawaii.gov).

Sincerely,

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cc: ✓ Jim Williams, EUTF Administrator

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